

## Mayor's Message

October 2009

As the fall construction season comes to an end, I always enjoy taking a road trip inside our City. It is nice to see the stretches of new black asphalt and feel the smooth ride as I travel along. Many residents who live through the construction take the time to tell me how happy they are to have a new and improved street. It would be nice to make that a reality on all of our local streets. One of the top budget priorities for myself and the City Council is finding money for more improvements to our local roads. Our last budget year was especially tight, but with opportunities to get more roads done for our dollar, we made an extra effort to fund projects. I appreciate the good work of those we have hired and our City crews as they have completed their jobs.

We have requested funds through the Wasatch Front Regional Council for some of our more traveled roads. 5900 South from 700 West to State Street has been approved for help funding this 5.1 million dollar project in 2012. We are hopeful we can move the project ahead by doing preliminary work to have it ready for funding even sooner. We have also requested funding for 4800 South from State Street to Van Winkle. This project will cost about 3.5 million dollars, but is also very much needed. There is currently an environmental study being prepared to work toward completion of Cottonwood Street north of Vine to 4500 South.

I realize it is difficult to wait sometimes for roads in obvious need of repair. A list has been created and is often updated to tell us the conditions of roads. We are working diligently, as funding allows, to take care of those streets with the most challenges. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work on improving our City.